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(SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarche to Adil Dabwan, trafficking in persons expert at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor on June 15. Dabwan promised to discuss Yemen's Tier 2 ) Watch List ranking with the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, and expressed his appreciation for the early notification. Dabwan acknowledged that the ROYG must pass legislation criminalizing trafficking of persons - currently being discussed in Parliament - as well as work to better identify and provide services for victims of trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation. He expressed his personal hope that the downgrade in Yemen's ranking would provide the impetus for the ROYG to "finally complete this important action."

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